

GRAUSTARK

#180

1967U, 1968G, 1968CH, 1968CI, 1968CL

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1968CI

"Spring 1903"

ENGLISH FLEET SEIZES KIEL

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F Lon-Eng; F Hol-Kie; F Den S F Hol-Kie; F North Sea-Bel; A Bel-Pic.

FRANCE (Clark): F Por-Mid; F Wes-Tyr; A Pic holds; A Bur-Mun; A Ber S A Bur-Mun; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Tri-Bud; A Tyr-Vie; A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tyr; F Tun-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri; A Alb S A Bud-Tri; A Vie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): A Norway S F Swe; A St.P & F Swe S A Norway; A Gal S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud; A Rum-Ser; A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Irregulars-Hydunderabad.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 APRIL 1969.

1967U

"Winter 1919"

GERMANY (M. Miller): Builds A Ber.

ITALY (Clark): Builds A Rom.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): Removes A Pic.

The deadline for "Spring 1920" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 APRIL 1969. However, if all moves come in before then, they will be adjudicated and distributed to the players, and a deadline for "Fall 1920" moves will be set. John Beshara leaves on the 25th, not on the 21st as announced on p. 4.

1968CL

"Spring 1903"

GERMAN FLEET SEIZES LONDON

The Turkish build in Smyrna was a fleet, not an army as reported in GRAUSTARK #179. All players were informed of the correction.

ENGLAND (Schelz): F Edi-Cly; A Yor-Liv; F Bel holds; F Eng S ITALIAN F North Africa-Mid.

FRANCE (Ward): F North Atlantic-Cly; F Mid-Eng; A Bur-Mar; A Gas-Spa; A Pic S GERMAN A Hol-Bel.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): F Hol-Bel; A Ruh S F Hol-Bel; F Hel-North Sea; F North Sea-Lon; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Tyr.

ITALY (Comber): A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Tri; F Tun-Wes; F North Africa-Mid; A Bud S TURKISH A Rum-Gal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): F Tri holds; A Vie-Tyr ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Boh not ordered, holds.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F Norway S GERMAN F Hel-North Sea; A Gal holds; A War S A Gal; A Mos-Ukr; A Liv-Mod.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Gre-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; F Sev holds; A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Arm; A Vie-Boh; A Rum-Gal.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English fleet in Belgium is annihilated, and the French fleet in the Mid-Atlantic is dislodged and must retreat to the Irish Sea, Portugal, Gascony, or Brest. The direction of this retreat should be sent immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 APRIL 1969. Press releases begin on p. 9. See p. 4 for announcement of a forthcoming temporary substitution.

1968G

"Fall 1909"

IRON GATE INSTALLS REVOLVING DOORS

Owing to oversights which were the Gamesmaster's fault, Turkish moves in "Fall 1909" were not published. The move was replayed, with the following results:

ENGLAND (Walker): F Wal-Liv; A Gas-Bre; F Edi-Yor; F Norwegian Sea-Edi.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Bre holds; A Bur-Mar.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A St.P, A Bel, & A Sev hold; A Liverpool holds; A Ukr S A Sev; F Ska-Den; F North Sea S F Ska-Den; A Den-Kie; A Hol S A Den-Kie; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Bud; F Norway S F North Sea.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Rum; A Bud & F Fla S A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul; A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Tyr; F Mar-Pie; F Adr-Ven; F Hel-Kie; F Eng S ENGLISH A Gas-Bre; F North Atlantic S ENGLISH F Wal-Liv.

The Russian army in Rumania and the Turkish army in Vienna are both dislodged. Since Galicia is the only place available to either for a retreat, neither can go there and both are annihilated. Russia retreats A Liv-Cly and France must retreat either A Bre-Pic or A Bre-Par. The direction of this retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1909" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Bre, Liv, Loh, Por. (5)

FRANCE: Mar, Par. (2)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nor, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (14)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Rum, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (13)

The deadline for "Winter 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 APRIL 1969. England, Russia, and Turkey may each build one new unit. Press releases for 1968G are on p. 2.

1968CH

"Fall 1903"

ITALY INVADES AUSTRIA!

Following the "Spring 1903" moves Germany retreated A Bur-Bel. All players were notified.

ENGLAND (Linden): F Hol-Kie; F Den S F Hol-Kie; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F Ska S F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; A Norway & A Lon hold; F Hernia-Boh.

FRANCE (Berman): A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; F North Africa S F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Hel-Hol; A Bel S F Hel-Hol; A Ruh-Kie.

ITALY (White): A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; F Tun holds; F Tyr S F Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal S A Rum; A Rum S A Bul; A Alb-Gre; A Bul & A Ser S A Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (C. Johnson): A St.F-Fin; A War, A Sev, & F Swe hold.

TURKEY (McLeod): A Con-Bul; F Bla & F Aog S A Con-Bul; F Gre S A
Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian army in Bulgaria is annihilated, and Turkey retreats F Gre-Ion. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Kie, Liv,
 Lon, Nor. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum,
 Ser, Vio. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Mun, Par,
 For, Spa. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War.
 (5)

GERMANY: Bal, Ber, Hol. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tur, Ven. (5)

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ZFOD, HERNIA: Duke Noseboard expressed a weariness that was almost relief today, as he realized the end was near for the gallant men of Hernia, who were serving in almost every Austrian army. "We could see it coming," they (the Duke) said. "The real trouble started when The Great Gamemaster in the Sky turned a deaf ear to our plea. We couldn't address supplications to him, because every time we tried, the letter came back marked 'I refuse to accept this stamp!'"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Horniated Press): Postmaster-General Zip announced the issuance of a new stamp - plain gray with the legend "U. S. Postage 6¢". Zip said it was designed especially for Diplomacy players.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (Horniated Press): A letter bearing the new Gray Diplomacy stamp was returned to the Post Office here, marked "Take off the 'U. S.!'"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HF): The latest Diplomacy stamp, bearing only the legend "postage 6¢" was issued today. Postmaster-General Zip crossed his fingers.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (HF): This time it said "Gray is a Confederate color..."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HF): By special act of Congress, all Diplomacy players were granted franking privileges starting tomorrow. Zip was careful to point out that these privileges were limited to Diplomacy communications only, and would not allow anyone to mail comic books free.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. (HF): Letters were returned to the Post Office here from Brooklyn, bearing a postal worker's notation "signature illegible".

WASHINGTON (20 Jan. 1903, Reuters): To the disappointment of prize-fight fans, the Constistytion Hall debate has failed to materialize. Mark Rude went into a monumental rage when he heard he was identified with Students for a Democratic Society. "Society, in whatever form, is an evil instrument of fascistmilitaristcapitalistbourgeois class oppression! There can never be freedom until society is destroyed!"

Bill Linden declined on the grounds that "My lungs are not strong enough for the demands presented by modern, ah, politics. Strange, how current political tactics resemble a hog-calling contest."

WASHINGTON (URRP): President Pigasus J. Pig said at a press conference that he has no objection to politics resembling a hog-calling contest. "It depends upon what the hog is being called," he said. He also announced that, on the advice of Secretary of Defense Melvin Lard, he has ordered the construction of a CBM (Cani-Ballistic Mis-sile) system to protect something-or-other - no one has told him what.

ANALYSIS OF TELEPHONE DIPLOMACY GAME #1 (1963FD)

by John Beshara, Gamesmaster

Now that Telephone Diplomacy #1 ended in the third 5-man stalemate in mail Diplomacy records it can be said that the play generally was of poor technical quality. Other than Italy's change in alliances in 1902 and 1906 there were no deviations in the original pattern of foes and friends. Outwardly the firmness of relationships would tend to indicate long-range strategic development, but rather it was a laissez-faire sort of movement or non-movement. Missing amid the calculations of the players was that "time is of the essence" and supply centers do not make a kingdom.

Yes, there were occasional exceptions: France during the first three years played as brilliantly as he did badly thereafter; Italy's finest years were his last.

France and England comprised the Northern Powers and went through Germany and Russia virtually unopposed. At the same time Russia and Turkey were locked in combat against Italy and Austria-Hungary, with little movement on either side. Italy, realizing France was but a breath away, vainly attempted to form a partnership with Turkey and/or Russia to quickly dispose of Austria-Hungary so that he could defend the Mediterranean against France, but neither Turkey nor Russia would accept rational terms. Italy also tried to press his ally, Austria-Hungary, into more aggressive tactics against Russia and Turkey, but Austria-Hungary refused for fear he would be pounced on by Italy once he strayed from his home bases.

When at last Russia and Turkey came to their senses, the best they and Italy could do was hope the Northern Powers would continue to play badly. The Southern Powers were allowed through their opponents' errors to annihilate Austria-Hungary and develop the stalemate planned by Italy, primarily because everyone was more concerned with destroying Austria-Hungary than anything else.

The decision to accept the stalemate was a strained one for England. By continuing the play he could easily develop a position which in a year's time would allow him to take six of France's supply centers, giving him a total of 15 units.

Not only was he loathe to turn on his "savior" but he did not think he could thereafter gain the additional three units needed to win, and thus by his treachery lose his stalemate. What he did not know was that, with fleets in Portugal, the Mid-Atlantic, and Brest, he was virtually assured of a stalemate anyway. Other than a twinge of guilt, what could he lose?

What was distressing to me was the defensive posture many countries took in the early stages. It is axiomatic in this game that if you are going to be pounced upon by a combination of stronger power, you are eventually going to be destroyed. In the early stages it is necessary to hope and be brave - hope for friends, move aggressively on that assumption, and take the initiative. If you are unable to form alliances you will be destroyed perhaps a little sooner, but without taking the initial risk and attempting to gain offensive momentum, even with alliances you cannot win for time is the one unnegotiable enemy.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

John Beshara will be in Las Vegas from 21 to 31 March. This will not affect his play in the moves of 1967U and 1968CL which fall due on 5 April. However, he plans to leave on 5 April for a one-month cruise to the Mediterranean. During that period his moves in 1968CL will be played by Don Berman, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Play in 1967U will be suspended until John's return, since the balance in that game is so sensitive, the game so near conclusion, and the number of players so small.

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THE DIPLOMATIC TOUCH

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509: ((In reply to a query on game records)) There are 33 games numbered previously to 1967U still in progress, of which 11 are variants of one kind or another.

1965P, in Lonely Mountain, is longer than 1967U; it's in 1919. Other long games are 1965C in Wild 'n' Woolly (1914), 1966Y in Lonely Mountain (1914), and 1967A in Trantor (1914).

The longest won postal game was 1965Q in Graustark, which ended in 1922 as a tie between England and Turkey.

The longest game won there are 4, all of which ended in 1918:

1963B -- Ruritania -- won by Russianin 1918

1965M -- Crastagnan/ADAG -- won by France in 1918

1966A -- Lonely Mountain -- won by France in 1918

1966L -- Bla Brothers -- won by Germany in 1918

((Thanks.))

NORMAN McLEOD, 906 Kimberwicke Rd., McLean, Va, 22101: I am a Capricorn, I chose Durveran only because I was desperate for a name which had not been "used", and I have never defended present American policy (though I am not yet 100% of your mind)...I turned D. C. Central Library upside down and found 4 of those assassins.

((I'm very sorry to have mis-understood or mis-recalled your views on the American invasion of Vietnam. The astrological "guesses" in #179 were also in error in Charles Johnson's case. He, it turns out, is a Cancer -- which I suppose may account for his recent move from the Y. M. C. A. to East Village.

((The place to have looked for those assassins was in the Dictionary of National Biography and its French equivalent. There is an entry for Kalyayev in the Bolshoi Sovetskaya. Bonnier La Chapelle, author of the most recent of these assassinations, may not have got into the standard reference works; see Tannenbaum's history of the Action Francaise for details.))

PAUL PRITCHARD, Editor, IFW Monthly; Due to the change in the publication of the International Federation of Wargaming 'zine, I can no longer just print an extra copy for whatever trades I might wish to make at the actual cost (around 10¢). I now have to order a copy at 30¢ each from the press itself..

This is

EUGENE FROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201:

Here's a rules question: Suppose Turkey moves A Bud-Rum, F Bla S A Bud-Rum. Does a Russian move A Rum-Bud prevent a retreat A Vie-Bud? I think it should, since you do not play Koning's rule, therefore an unsupported move A Vie-Bud would have succeeded. Logically speaking, how can Vienna retreat to Budapest if it could not have moved to Budapest?

O At
P Great
E Intervals
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A Appears
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O Optic
N Nerves

((If the only moves were RUSSIA: A Rum-Bud; TURKEY: A Bud-Rum, F Bla S A Bud-Rum, then the Russian move fails and the Turkish moves succeed. Budapest is left vacant, but not on account of a stand-off. Thus a dislodged unit in a space adjacent to Budapest is free to retreat to Budapest -- except; of course, for the Russian army dislodged from Rurania.

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((If, in addition to the above moves, anyone had made an unsupported move A Vie-Bud, that move would have failed. It would have failed because it was stood off by the Russian A Rum-Bud. Budapest, under these conditions, is vacant owing to a stand-off, and no one can now retreat there.))

BRENTON YER-PLCFC, US bunchanumbers, Co C, 125th Sig. Bn., 25th Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225: Old "gold tooth" is making a name for himself, eh? It's been several months now, and I believe he was killed in an enemy-induced helicopter crash, though it's only second-hand information from a fellow in his unit, who I talked to only yesterday...

While barbarisms like this are certainly the exception, and, as far as I can ascertain, are decreasing due to official sanctions, they still can occur, be-

cause very few are really concerned, and languidly enforce these restrictions only to protect themselves.

I understand that this war's effect on American soldiery is unique. That is: this sort of thing has not previously been as common as it is in Vietnam! The reasons are not particularly obscure!..

((I'm glad to hear that the Vietnamese people are catching up with guys like "Gold Tooth". The next step may be formal extraditions, now that some nations are beginning to recognize the National Liberation Front as the government of South Vietnam. Cuba is one such. Suppose that some American veteran of Vietnam, whose military record is made public in a citation for a medal, is a passenger on a plane hijacked to Cuba for reasons unconnected to his case. The Cuban government would honor an extradition agreement with the body it regards as the South Vietnamese government, and send him there to stand trial for murder, using newspaper accounts of the medal award as evidence. There would be a nice hoo-rah over this one.))

JOHN McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: Acelanda will likely fold with the next issue as the remaining game is being cancelled the players not wanting to continue it... John Koning tells me that Jutland Jollies will fold after its next issue. Koning will take over most of its games but I will take over the game that Koning is in.

((For further information on defunct and folding Diplomacy bulletins, see Rod Walker's Erehwon, which gives quite complete information.))

RCD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866: It is amazing, but a revealing commentary on your political state of mind, that you could read my statement on modern economic imperialism, and then equate it with the old territorial imperialism - and then take the statement of Lodge pere and presume to prove from them that Lodge fils feels that the Vietnamese are his inferiors. I trust you do not treat your academic subject with the same sort of cavalier sloppiness.

((The above paragraph, referring to material published in GRAUSTARKs #176 and #178, seems to indicate that Walker is a functional illiterate of almost gemignanic proportions. The Harper's article in which Henry Cabot Lodge tried to justify foreign rule of the Philippines, and the tropics in general, on the economic self-interest and racial superiority of the European powers, was written by the younger Lodge - the one who is today "negotiating" with the Vietnamese in Paris. This fact appears in the January 1930 Harper's which printed the article, and in my own comments on it in GRAUSTARK #178. Nor did Lodge justify imperialism on territorial grounds. He felt that it was a legitimate act of self-interest on the part of the imperial powers, and that the needs of the subject peoples need not be consulted in the process. This is precisely the theory of what Walker calls "modern economic imperialism". The fact that the colony is permitted to have its own flag, army, and other trappings of sovereignty is neither new nor relevant. Ellsworth Bunker is America's satrap in Saigon just as assuredly as any British "adviser" ever spoke London's will to the rajah who nominally ruled some small Indian state.))

At any rate, far from collapsing, the new imperialism is gaining ground. The game's players already include the U.S., Russia, China (to some extent), England, France, West Germany, and (also to some extent) Canada and Australia. As I said, it is less troublesome to buy countries than to conquer them and far more profitable to administer their economies than their politics. The Ivory Coast, for example, is owned by France, while Spain is owned by the United States. Russia owns a lot of countries in Europe and even some in the Middle East and Africa. These countries are merely little corporations which change their holding companies from time to time. How they run their internal affairs is up to them. The idea is similar to the Japanese concept of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, save that the dependent nations could from time to time change their masters.

On the other hand, our exploitation of uninhabited planets will draw off a lot of the aggressive energy now expended in wars. I sincerely hope we will be far-sighted enough to claim the entire moon on the basis of our first landing

there. The Soviet Union will obviously challenge this, which will make for a highly interesting conflict later. No doubt you will find your usual tract (sic) objection to that too, perhaps on the ground that we ought not to treat Martian lichen as untermenschen...

((The report of the Special Study Group made this same point, but came to the conclusion that the space program would not provide a suitable "equivalent of war" because it does not command the urgency that war spending does. However, this can be fixed easily. Just as our government has contrived a mythical "Communist menace" to justify a vast subsidization of heavy industry with armaments spending, so it can with equal ease fabricate a sinister menace of octopus men from Lower Centaurus to justify vast expenditures for interstellar ABM's.

((A later letter continues.))

My recollection of the article in question, from reading it in 1966, was that it was written by the elder Lodge... However, assuming that the younger Lodge wrote the thing, I suggest that the opinions expressed nearly 40 years ago, by a man 21 years old, ((he was 27)) might have changed considerably over the years of public service, punctuated by a world war. I would like to know by what magic power you ascertain that Lodge's opinions have not changed since 1930, when his recent public pronouncements would tend to indicate the opposite? ((His recent public pronouncements, as I have pointed out in Kippie, have been those of a screaming hawk.)) In any event, one can hardly apply pronouncements dealing with a colonial Philippines to an independent Vietnam.

Further, I cannot see what the economic aspects of territorial imperialism has in common with the substitution of economic imperialism for the old wasteful territorial sort. Countries can be bought and sold without ever interfering with their nominal independence. They can have as many constitutions, revolutions, and regimes as they wish, although the Great Powers desire a certain amount of political stability, and will no doubt take steps to enforce this, as has already been done in the Congo. Why this has not been done in Nigeria I cannot quite understand, but there is apparently some initial displaced sympathy for the Ibos in some quarters, and this has been enhanced by the rather wretched treatment the Ibos have received at the hands of the central government during its prosecution of the war. Hopefully, Biafra will go the way of Katanga and we can all get back to the business of making money.

I cannot understand what sentient life has to do with planetary exploitation. It ought to be fairly simple, for instance, to make money from the Moon and Mars, as well as (perhaps) some of the asteroids and the moons of Jupiter and Saturn. Venus may pose more difficulty if it turns out to be as hot as it seems and to have a weather as violent as we now suspect. Naturally, exploitation of planets outside this system will have to await the development of translight speeds. ((You'll get unicorns in stag shows first.)) If some of these bodies turn out to be habitable by us, then we can think of colonization.

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: There is a rather interesting tactical problem in the North Sea battle ((in 1968CL)) vis-a-vis Miller's Rule:

Presuming Russia is cooperating with Germany, using Miller's Rule Germany is guaranteed the North without any chance of losing Belgium:

GERMANY: F Bel-North Sea; F Hol S F Bel-North Sea; A Bur-Bel.

RUSSIA: F Norway S GERMAN F Bel-North Sea.

Since GRAUSTARK does not use Miller's Rule, there is no way to be sure of getting the North Sea without losing Belgium. However, there is a way of getting the North Sea and still be sure of keeping Belgium:

GERMANY: F Bel-North Sea; A Bur-Bel; F Hol S A Bur-Bel.

RUSSIA: F Norway S GERMAN F Bel-North Sea

These moves are tactically slightly better than

GERMANY: F Bel-North Sea; F Hol S F Bel-North Sea.

RUSSIA: F Norway-North Sea.

The German army in Burgundy is ineffectual but should support Belgium in case the

army in Burgundy does not cut support, for should Russia fail to aid Germany, Belgium is in jeopardy. Here again, Miller's Rule is advantageous to the attacking (usually stronger) power.

((These comments referred to the situation existing in 1968CL prior to the "Fall 1902" moves. As it turned out, the allies played:

GERMANY: F Hol-North Sea; F Bel S F Hol-North Sea; A Bur S F Bel.

RUSSIA: F Norway S GERMAN F Hol-North Sea.

Though all of these moves except "A Bur S F Bel" succeeded, Germany lost Belgium. England played F North Sea-Bel; F Eng S F North-Sea-Bel, which combined with a French A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur to dislodge both the German fleet in Belgium and the German army in Burgundy.))

THE JOHN WILKES BROTHER LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

(title courtesy of Dave Johnson)

In GRAUSTARK #176 a list of 10 assassins was published. Readers were asked to identify their victims, and the dates and places of the assassinations. The correct answers are:

1. John Bellingham - Prime Minister Spencer Perceval, London, 1812
2. Jacques Clement - King Henri III of France, St. Cloud, 1589
3. John Felton - George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, London, 1628
4. Balthazar Gerard - Willem-I "the Silent", Prince of Orange and Stadthouder of the Netherlands, Delft, 1572. (Gerard was beatified by the Roman Catholic Church after his execution, and his head is preserved to this day in K  ln Cathedral as a relic of a holy martyr.)
5. Robert Graham - King James I of Scotland, Perth, 1437. (The king was stabbed while playing chess in his bedroom.)
6. Ivan Platonovich Kalyayev - Grand Prince Sergei Aleksandrovich Romanov, Governor of Moscow and uncle of Tsar Nikolai II, Moscow, 1905
7. Bonnier La Chapelle - Admiral Jean Darlan, Algiers, 1942
8. Otto Planetta - Chancellor Engelbert Dolfuss, Vienna, 1934
9. Francis Ravalliac - King Henri IV of France, Paris, 1610. (See Fletcher Pratt's Secret and Urgent for a little-known sidelight on this assassination.)
10. Raoul Villain - Jean Jaur  s, Socialist and Pacifist leader, Paris, 1914.

Names of the contest winners will be published in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXVIII

"Yes, O-O-Hate, I have agents in both Taipei and Peking!" the sinister Chinese hissed through a mouthful of wor shew opp.

"You mean Peiping!" loyally insisted O-O-Hate's teen-age assistant Burner.

"What underhanded plot have you devised against the American Way of War!"

O-O-Hate demanded, indicating the Nationalist and Communist officers who were serving the dark purposes of Few Men Kan Chu.

"Ten years ago I set out to end war, after two groups of spies shot it out with each other in one of my restaurants," the mastermind of the sinister forces of World Peace said. "I played upon the grievances of underpaid spies, informers, and saboteurs. I organized them into a union! This was my master-stroke!"

"You see," he continued, stroking a tree sloth that sat on his left shoulder, "spies are just like any other workers. Unorganized, they will identify themselves with their employers. But, once they are organized, they will see that they have interests in common with one another that transcend their loyalties to the employing class. Since steel mills were organized, steel workers have stopped brawling with each other over the relative merits of the mills in which they work,

and have instead united against all the mill owners. And the same thing is true of spies. Individual spies will serve their nations, but unionized spies will instead serve their union -- which means me!"

"You scheming conniver!" Burner shouted. "Without spies, how would nations prepare for war against each other? Why, pretty soon there wouldn't be any such thing as war!"

"Precisely!" the Chinese hissed. "Because, if my scheme works with spies, it will also work with --" he paused significantly "-- soldiers!"

"Oh, no!" O-O-Hate gasped.

"Yes, indeed! Tell them, boys."

Kash Yank-cheh, the Nationalist, said, "Yes indeed, round-eyes! How long do you think we could last on Taiwan if a war broke out. Half a China is better than none."

"Precisely," said Eek Ké-mao, the other Chinese. "We have a large population packed densely together. A commission of neutral scientists found that the U. S. used germ warfare in Korea. What would happen to us if they tried it in China?"

"Besides," Fyu Men Kan Chu went on, "these two spies are married to Number One and Number Two Daughters. You Americans have seen some of my other daughters. If they are anything like their mothers, my worthy sons-in-law are most strongly impelled to make love, not war!"

O-O-Hate reeled back, shocked by the audacity of the plan.

"Excuse me," Burner said, "but was that girl who brought in the food your Number Five Daughter? Is she -- er, I mean, sir --"

"Brace up, Burner," O-O-Hate cautioned. "Don't weaken!"

"You will not, of course, be permitted to report this to your agency," Fyu Men Kan Chu went on. "To the dungeons with them!"

As his accomplices hauled off the Americans, Fyu Men Kan Chu again petted the sloth. "Plasted animal," he muttered. "Marmosets would fit the image better, but I'm allergic to them."

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FRANCE to RUSSIA: If I let him up, he'll get in. He likes to chance.

PARIS: Regent Don Juan sues Emperor Huon for dropping the balloon bomb. Calls off any marriage between P M Merlin and Bread Heiress. Declares Meis meek Emperor Huon can't make love No! Only Queen Slump (ugliest woman alive and former mistress of the Honji Horny) now committed to Happy Rest Hopeless Home. Her roommate is not only King of the Nomes, he's Napoleon, Billie the Kid, and Emperor Huon.

Pacifists not to protest an action of violence on Half-witted nation of Pollicular. It seemed wasn't the bomb, they are complaining about, it's Honji. He escaped.

GARDIFF (25 December 1909): Over 10,000 virgins were sacrificed today in a vast Druid auto-da-fe, presided over by Prime Minister Merlin, who offered the following prayer: "Keep the Russians out of London. Keep the Turks out of London. Or may they both try to enter it simultaneously." Observers of the ceremony turned to each other, saying, "I thought Russia was our friend," or "I thought Turkey was our friend," or even "Where's London?" Confusion (and a Russian army) runs rampant over England, and the question of the hour is, "Who owns Liverpool, who owns not Liverpool?" At the moment, only one thing is certain: Huon is still King. ...? Come to think of it, has anyone seen the Throne Globe lately?

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PARIS: The Government of Marquis Rudd met in secret session to discuss Franco-German tensions. It is expected that the actions of German forces in Burgundy will weigh heavily on their decision.

PARIS: German actions speak of friendship louder than Turkish words.

ROME: (15 March 1903): It is unbelievable! All of Rome is draped in Greene. The popularity of Father Comber has grown to outrageous proportions. Most commentators attribute this to a form of escape from the tense political situation. The election of a Pope has degenerated into a political power play, and the Romans want no part of it.

As Cardinal Rodrigo Borgida stated from his offices high atop the "Dolce Vita Bar & Grill", "With Turkish Fleets to the East, German Armies to the North, and French Armies on our Western border, the people are in fear for the very existence of Italy. Now they are escaping into drink or mysticism. Of course I prefer the former." The Cardinal terminated the interview to attend to the spiritual needs of some lady friends.

ROME (20 March 1903): The Italian Government is reported to have sent several messages to various capitals in search of a solution to the delamia. ((Sic??))

ROME (21 March 1903): Rome has been cut off from the rest of Europe due to the bombing last night of the Government Communication Center. President Nixon called the situation grave. "With negotiations in such a critical state, this could prove to be a disaster."

TUNIS: The Fleet sailed last night for the West. The admiral, Count Armatato Del Mare, stated that he was perplexed considering the recent emergence of Turkish sea power. But considering the recent break-down in communications we must live up to our commitments. Therefore we must move to the aid of the Western powers.

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Craig Klyver is the editor of the newest postal Diplomacy 'zine, the Limbourg Gazette and Bi-Monthly Almanac. He states that "the magazine would carry as many regular seven-man Diplomacy games as necessary to fill the public demand". Fees are \$3 for the first game, and \$2 for subsequent games entered while the player still has a game going in the LG&BMA. Furthermore, "the first seven people to enter a game in the Gazette will receive a free game in any Dippy mag of your choice." The editor's address is 6254 Langdon Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. 91401.

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